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THREE CENTS

Webber-Closkey

Mrs. Lewwis L. Closky of San Francisco, Calif., announces the marriage of her daughter, Clytic Frances, to Robert Trumbull Webber, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wolfert Gerson Webber of Amherst, formerly of Northfield.

The marriage was performed by the Rev. Warren E. Traub in the Chapel of St. Paul's Church, New Haven, Conn., on Thursday, March 27. Miss Caroline Kimler of New Haven was the bride's only attendant. John Webber, meteorologist, who has recently returned from South America after a four-year appointment there with Panagra, was his brother's best man.

The bride is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, and of the Yale University School of Nursing. She is at present affiliated with the Institute of Human Relations at the New Haven Hospital.

Mr. Webber, a graduate of Amherst College, is completing work for his doctorate at Yale University as Sterling Fellow in Physics. He will continue at Yale as instructor in physics. A luncheon and reception followed at the Hotel Taft.

Becomes College Dean

Of interest to many friends in Northfield and especially to our summer residents is the announcement that Dr. Leishman A. Peacock, for many years a summer resident here and son of Dr. Joseph L. Peacock, former president of Shaw University and a resident of Glens Falls, N. Y., has been selected as head of the English department and dean of Kalamazoo College in Michigan. He will begin his new work on June 1st after two years with the University of Ottawa in Kansas where he had also acted as dean since last spring. His work at Ottawa was recognized as of high standing in the administration of his department and in the conduct of his efforts with the Academic Board. With his wife and family, Dr. Peacock have visited here frequently at the summer home of his father on Cliff Road on the Ridge. He is no stranger here and has spent much time during the summers as a young man in preparation for the teaching profession.

Votes Hydrant Service

Pursuant to a call for a special meeting of the voters of the town on Thursday evening, March 27th, a large attendance responded and promptly considered the two articles in the Warrant. The first article was carried by a show of hands to rescind the sition taken at the annual meeting of the town in February when an appropriation of \$400 for hydrant servire by the Northfield Water Co. was denied. The second article renewed this appropriation of \$400 for hydrant service by a ballot vote of 91 to 34. This action will continue the hydrant service for fire protection in the center of the community which is served by the water company. As usual there was much discussion but the business was expedited within a short time. Mrs. Josephine Haskell, town clerk, read the Warrant at eight o'clock and George McEwan presided as Moderator for the first time since his election. Mrs. Robert Abbott and Donald Finch were the tellers.

Nurse Reports

Miss Natalie Gowen, public health nurse, has made the following report for the past month: Total visits, 97; chronic cases, 45; acute cases, eight; post-partum, two; infant health supervision, 26; adult health supervision, eight; school health supervision, four; pre-school health supervision, one; tuberculosis, one; social service, two; and transportation, seven.

Improvement Finished

Construction work for the additions and improvement of the Vernon Home have been completed under the direction of Rev. L. M. Spaulding, the superintendent. The work planned by the directors has taken several months and eight new rooms have been provided, of which nearly all have been assigned to newcomers. The rooms on the first floor consisting of the office and living room as well as the dining room have been redecorated and are very inviting. Later on an elevator will be installed for which provisions has been made. Much of the furnishings from the home of the late Mrs. Pike of Springfield will add materially to the Home's requirements. Surely the Vernon Home reflects much credit to the church denomination which it represents in the provision it has made for its elderly peprsons. It is a worthy institution.

Center School Honors

Many of our pupils a the Center School have shown by their work and study for the past two months that they can make the Honor Roll as per this list:

First honors, A's in all subjects, grade five. Ella Finch and Mary Ann Repeta; grade six, Janet Dean; grade seven, Jacqueline Jewett. Second honors, all A's and B's in all subjects, grade four, Mary Ellen Barnes, Marie Clark, Geraldine Durant, Paul Kirk, John Mankowski, David Scott, Charles Janes; grade five, Albert Allen, Duira Benney, Arolyn Bolton, Ruth Laplante, Irene Matosky, Richard Parsons, Norman Porter, Helen Ropes, Nancy Scoble and Janice Thompson; grade six, Marion Berlind, Beverly Bolton, Sally Field, Deane Lanphear, Roseanna Lavallee, Rosemarie Lavallee, James Livingston, Ralph Miller, Joan Phelan, George Herman White; grade seven, Patty Chapin, Annette Clark, Alma Gillespie, Phyllis Hartford, Ruth Sheldon, Irene Thompson; grade eight, Sydney Chapin, Barbara Griswold, Peter Haack, Julia Huber and Janet Mankowsky.

Summer Conferences

Founded by D. L. Moody in 1800, the Northfield Summer Conferences have exerted a profound influence on the religious life of America. The original gathering was described as "a convocation for prayer," later as the Northfield General Conference, the name it bears today. Other gatherings have since been added to form the present group of Conferences.

The list announced by Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools in a preliminary bulletin for 1947 includes:

The Northfield Girls Conference, June 18-26; The Northfield Missionary Conference, June 27-July 5; The Northfield Conference of Religious Education, July 7-16; The Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Conference, July 19-26; The United Presbyterian Eastern Summer Conference, July 26-August 2; The Northfield General Conference, August 2-11.

In announcing the schedule for the 1947 Northfield Summer Conference season we call special attention to the resumption of the General Conference. Because of the war it was necessary to greatly limit the scope of the programs from 1942 to 1945 and in 1946 the entire conference was omitted because of travel restrictions. Now a full-scale conference is planned for the coming summer.

Miss Betty Phelps, who has spent a vacation with her mother and sister at their home in West Northfield, has returned to her studies with the Westminster Choir College at Princeton, N. J.

Mrs. Allen H. Wright is visiting her daughters, Mrs. White and Mrs. Leavitt in Boston this weekend.

Fire Permits Needed

The public are advised that fire permits are necessary to start any sort of burning outdoors and since Andrew Gray has been appointed as Forest Fire Warden it will be the proper thing to do to call him on phone 319 and get his consent. Placards forbidding fires without his approval have been posted in various parts of the town. Remember before you start any fire outdoors of any kind, call phone 319 for a permit.

Mrs. Adeline E. Deissler, who with her late husband, Rev. William Deissler, and family owned and occupied a cottage on the Ridge, is now a resident of Inman Kansas. The property is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin W. Thompson.

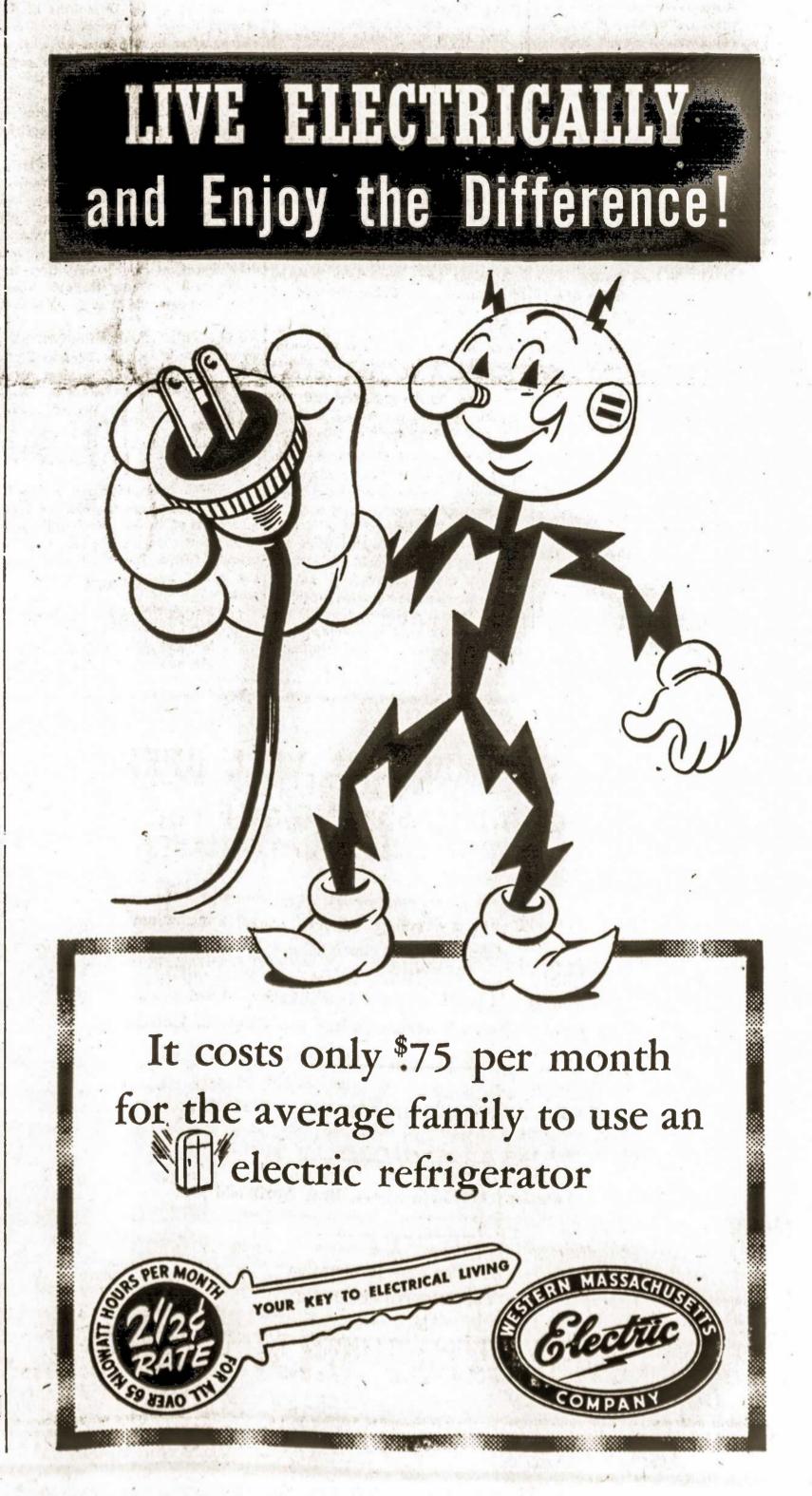
Hammond Is President

Eugene Hammond succeeds James E. Dresser as president of the Northfield Fish and Game Association. The annual election of the organization was held at the Town Hall Wednesday evening, the 26th of March, and the other officers are as follows: Raymond Deane of Bernardston, vicepresident; Miss Doris Doolittle, secretary, and Horace Field, treasurer. Committees were named for fish and one for pheasants. Mr. Dresser was named chairman of a special committee to arrange for the annual banquet to be held later. A membership drive is to be started with awards to be given to those securing the most members. The club is in a flourishing condition.

To Form School League

Representatives of Winchester, Hinsdale and Bernardston High Schools were guests of Principal Chester A. Parker of Northfield High at his home on Thursday evening, March 27th. The gathering was called to consider the forming of a Border League for various athletic games for the students of the schools this sprping and in which last year Northfield made an enviable showing. Mrs. Parger was hostess to the gathering and served refreshments. Mr. Parker was chosen as president of the Border League.

The tax rate this year for the town of Erving has been announced as \$28 the highest for many years.



Town Topics

There are eleven applications for the rental of summer property on the Ridge this season and at present there is none available. If your property is for rent or for sale advise Mr. Hoehn who is clerk for the corporation.

Lieut. Marion Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyler of South Vernon who has remained in the service in the Philippines, is now on her way home to the United States aboard a transport.

Harry Erickson of Mount Hermon School, beside having charge of the Sunday service at Metcalf Memorial on Sundays, also has been the speaker recently at a meeting at the First Congregational Church in Greenfield and also before a meeting of the Pierce Street PTA in Greenfield.

After spending several weeks at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell, Ted Powell has returned to his studies at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Local Eastern Star members have been invited to attend a meeting of the Winchester Eastern Star on the evening of Wednesday, April 2. There will be a visitation by the associate Grand Matron of New Hampshire.

The Valley Bible Conference met at the Advent Christian Church in South Vernon Tuesday, March 25, with morning and afternoon sessions. There was a large attendance from the neighboring towns and Rev. E. W. Blackstone welcomed the delegates. Mrs. Sidney Marcy who is on furlough from her work with the Central American Mission was the guest speaker.

Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, chaplain of the School for Girls, conducted the services at the Unitarian Church Sunday, March 23rd, owing to the absence of the minister, Rev. Hazel R. Gredler who is out of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Moore of Philadelphia with a summer residence of Hollis, N. Y., states she will alhere in Mountain Park have recently ways remember with pleasure her been on a visit with their daughter, Mary Helen, husband and family at Corpus Christi, Texas, and also motored into Mexico.

Miss Betty Jane Purrington, who is a student at Smith College and daughter of Mrs. Hazel Purrington of Birnam Road, has been reported on the Dean's list recently.

Mrs. James Gillespie of the Hinsdale road entertained the members of the Friendly Class of the Congregational Church at her summer home on Monday evening, the 17th.

Members of the WCTU enjoyed a most interesting meeting Wednesday afternoon, March 19, at Valley Vista Inn when Mrs. N. Fay Smith was the hostess.



DR. WILLIAM E. PARK

Dr. Park as chairman of the Northfield Conferences Committee is very hopeful of a large attendance at the various gatherings this summer and is especially optimistic in regard to the General Conference which returns in session after the war. years. He has secured a good list of most able speakers.

Town Topics

Mrs. Gertrude McIver of Pownal Vt., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Murray of South Vernon, and her little daughter have passage booked for the first of June, when she will sail for Japan to join her husband, Staff Sergt. R. B. McIver who is stationed there.

Major William Marshall has arrived in Northfield and is at his home on Highland Ave. enjoying his terminal leave and recalling pleasant memories of his service in Japan.

A letter from Mrs. John Wisdom stay at her summer cottage on Rustic Ridge in the past and her associations with many friends there. She is keeping well but unable to get about very much. She recently sold her property to a woman from New York City who will occupy this summer.

The Northfield Athletic Association members are much interested in organizing a representative town basemany players who could be secured beloved father and brother and for selves. George Leonard is president of the athletic association and at the meeting held Thursday evening plans were considered to be announced later

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Blood Bank Here

It is announced that under the sponsorship of the local Health Council a "blood bank" will be held here on Friday, April 18, in the vestry of the Congregational Church and conducted by the State Depaprtment of by Chester Parker, the school princi-Public Health. Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves of the Health Council will be in pupils as well as the parents to learn charge and the local Red Cross can- that the standard of education has teen group will serve lunch to the workers and donors. At a meeting at the Northfield Hotel Tuesday evening of representatives of various groups of local organizations the details of the plan wewre presented by representatives of the state department. A more complete announcement will be made later.

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport Bassette of Mount Hermon have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jean Garnsey, to William Edward Meehl of Middletown, Conn. Miss Bassette was graduated from Northfield School for Girls in June 1945, and was a student at Bates College in Lewiston, Me., until February Meehl is a graduate of the Mount Hermon School for Boys and is attending Ohio State University in Columbus. He served 18 months in the Marine Corps and received his discharge after having been wounded in the invasion of Pellilieu. An early June wedding is planned.

Miss Mildred Orr is spending a week in Northfield from St. Timothy's School, Maryland.

Spurgeon Gage of Orlando, Florid, is busy these days filling the rapidly incoming orders for oranges and grapefruit picked fresh from the trees. He advises his friends in Northfield that the Valencia oranges are very sweet and juicy and that the supply will last only through April. Better get your order in for a basket

The High School Glee Club will give an operetta, "Ask the Professor" in the Town Hall Friday eyening, April 11, and will be directed by Mrs. Leonard Stebbins, the schools music supervisor.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to ball team this season to play a series our neighbors and friends for their of games on the home field as well as many acts of kindness and expressions out of town. It is said that there are of sympathy during the death of our and give a good account of them- the many beautiful floral tributes

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Wins Class A Rate

The Northfield High School has received a class "A" rating from the state commissioner of education, John J. Desmond, Jr., and the certificate duly authenticated has been received pal. This will be good news to the been met here.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Coburn write from Orlando, Florida, where they have been spending the winter at their home that they are in good health and hope to get to their summer cottage in Mountain Park here sometime in May.

Raymond Clapp of Weston was a ccent guest of his father, Luckery U. Clapp of South Main Street for a few days.

Members of the local Eastern Star expect to attend the 25th anniversary of the Turners Falls chapter on Monday evening, April 7.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed and Mrs. Winifred DeAamicis in attendance at the Antique Show in Boston

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody have returned from a short vacation spent down on the Cape with friends

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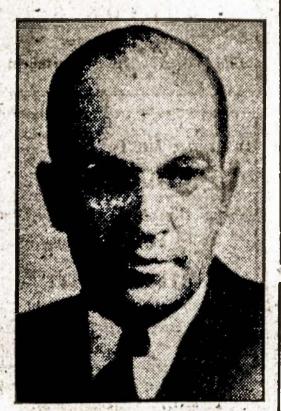
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Simon Gage Dies

Simple Gage of Northfield Farms, one of the oldest residents of this town, died Thursday, March 27, at the Farren Memorial Hospital in the 92nd year of his age. He was born in Alburg, Canada, February 15, 1855. and came to New wEngland to pursue his work as a brick mason. For the past fifteen years he had made his home with his daugnter, Mrs. Daniel C. Donahue of the Millers Falls Road. Surviving are three sons, Simon, Jr., George and Sylvester, all of Lee, and two daughters, Dr. Louvy Taylor of Philadelphia and Mrs. Donahue of this town. Funeral services were held Saturday from Thompson Funeral home in Millers Falls and borial was in the Highland Cemetery there. Rev. E. S Lyon officiated.



A. GORDON MOODY

Mr. Moody has been chosen as chairman of the Town Finance Committee at its recent meeting for organization. To him and to the members will be the responsibility of considering all articles in town warrants and making their recommendations to the voters in meeting assembled.

Miss Lucy F. Jackson of Madison, N. J., is expected to open her cottage on the Ridge for the Summer soon,

Robert Huber is making considerable improvements to the "Sutherland" cottage which he recently purchased. It is located on Woodruff SCENE FROM GREECE



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Town Topics

Mrs. Walter Hyde of North Lane is at Peter Brigham Bent Hospital in Boston where she underwent a serious operation on Monday last. Mr. Hyde is in Boston with friends in order to be near her. The sympathy of many friends is extended to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Collies desire to express their appreciation of the kindly sympathies of neighbors and the aid of the town nurse. Miss Gowan, during the recent illness and death of their loved one, Frank Collier.

At a recent banquet of the athletic department of Mount Hermon School. Kenneth Ruhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Ruhl of Ashuelet Road was awarded a varsity letter in wrestling.

If you have not read the address The Challenge of Youth" delivered by Dr. William E. Park before the annual convention of the Middlesex County Teachers Association, you should do so. It is now published in pamphlet form and you can have a copy for the asking. Simply address a post card to Dr. Park, Kenarden Hall, East Northfield, Mass., and one will be sent you.

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Town Topics

The large Merriman house at the corner of Main and Pine Streets is being offered for sale. The house was bought by Mr. VanValkenburg and repaired and remodeled and contains several apartments. Mr. Furcolo who resides on the first floor will be glad to give information and show the premises.

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Town Topics

Members of the American Legion through appointive committee are holding a series of special gatherings for the entertainment of veterans in their rooms at the Town Hall. Thursday evening a movie was shown and refreshments served.

Rev. W. H. Desjardins of Newark, N. J., with his family will visit Rustic Ridge next week while they are enroute to Boston. Mr. Desjardins is treasurer of the Rustic Ridge Association and he will look over the properties to observe the aftermath of a winter's season.

Mrs. Grace C. Cornell of Winchester Road, who is now at St. Petersburg, Fla., is expected to return to reopen her home early this month.

Spring officially was ushered in March 21 and the days are becoming very pleasant tho the nights have been cold. The birds are coming along and the bluebirds are much in evidence. It won't be long to the "good old summer time".

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Town Topics

The Friendly Class of the Congregational Church is planning an entertainment for the benefit of the church building fund, April 17. The program will consist of musical numbers, readings, and two one-act plays. A silver offering will be taken.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Congregational Church met with Mrs. E. M. Powell at her home on Wednesday afternoon wwhen Mrs. Fred Doolittle gave a review of the book, "Home to India."

Summer residents of Rustic Ridge and the woodlands are advised that it is yet too early to make a visit here as the roads are not opened and there is much snow and ice about. However, a week of warmth may work wonders.

It is stated from the office of the state Register of Motor Vehicles in Boston that for the year 1948, there will be two number plates issued for each automobile. This will be the first time since 1942. The new plates for 1948 will be maroon in color with white numerals, and will be made of aluminum.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bolton of West Northfield were among those who attended the recent Flower Show in Boston.

Friday evening, April 11, a large delegation of members of Harmony Lodge of Masons, will visit the Morning Sun Lodge at Conway to take a part in scheduled program.

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